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Planners OK

Silver City

Resort Setup

VISALIA — The County Planning Commission voted 7 to 1 to allow development of a resort on the privately owned 160 acres comprising Silver City, five miles below Mineral King Bowl.

The \$4-million complex would include a lodge to accomodate 296 persons, a condominium and single - family residences all designed to serve up to 1,000 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Seaborn and Walter Wells, the developers and owners, have offered a plan allowing the complex to blend with the terrain.

Opposition was presented by Jim James, Sequoia National Forest supervisor. He feels the area should be restricted to no more than 400 persons because of the high vehicular use the proposed highway into the Disney development at Mineral King will generate.

The Forest Service also is seeking an easement through Silver City fo construction of the all-weather highway to the bowl.

The matter will go before the Board of Supervisors Tuesday for final action. The Planning Commission is only a recommending agency.

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